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How Blakey had the HSCA investigate the JFK assassination 11.21.93

J. Heyes sent me a copy of Lesar's excellent prepared statement before the House government oversight committee, one of them, Conyers chairman, Legislative and National Security subcommittee. I presume AARC will send Dave a copy so I'll give this one to Jerry.

Jim gives these statistics at the top of page 3, attached of the 340,000 pages HSCA got from the FBI, 265,000 were on the mob,

This means that HSCA actually got fewer pages from the FBI than the FBI disclosed in their general releases of 12/77 and 1/78!

It also means that with all the rights the Congress has that private citizens do not that, Blakey got only about a quarter of the number of pages I got via FOIA!

Among the pages disclosed to me are several in which the FBI prepared for what it expected to be asked for by HSCA. Their first decision was to give them as little and to search for as little as possible.

And their backstop position was to give them as little as they could from the records they disclosed to me!

In this, of course, they reflect their estimate of Blakey. Correctly as it turned out, too!

What a phony he was! Is!

He claims that he did not run the committee with a preconception.

This statistics prove him a liar.

Moreover, large as his staff was, it took an extraordinary amount of time just to read those 265,000 mafia pages. That is time those who read them did not have for anything else.

And it is Blakey who said he read all the pages the agencies have and there is nothing much in them! A liar on this too. I know only too well the time it takes to read that volume of pages and he did not read any appreciable proportion of them and do much of anything else.

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265,000 pages of the approximately 340,000 pages that it made available to the House Select Committee on Assassinations are not Kennedy Assassination records because they relate to organized crime activities. This position is absurd and this subcommittee should make it clear to the FBI, by modification of the JFK Act if necessary, that all records made available to the HSCA in connection with its Kennedy assassination investigation are by definition Kennedy assassination records. Any other position will only further jaundice a public already extremely cynical about the government's professed desire to make the facts about the Kennedy assassination fully known.

When the deadline date arrived, news media accounts trumpeted the release of some 800,000 pages of Kennedy assassination records. This figure was highly misleading. It included, for example, an estimated 300,000 pages of Warren Commission documents that had been publicly available for well over two decades. In other words, at least a third of the documents supposedly freshly released were old hat.

The only executive branch agency to make any substantial disclosure was the Central Intelligence Agency, which says it has transferred some 125,000 pages to the National Archives. However, in processing this body of documents, the CIA withheld an additional 10,000 pages in their entireties. The CIA informed me on Monday that it had reprocessed these 10,000 pages and is now releasing 1,700 more pages. It has also informed me that it is going to process 150,000 pages which it has on microfilm. The additional